

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2014**

Present: Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Vice-Chair Jason Trundy, & Cathy Hardy

Excused: Arthur Durity & Rosendel Gerry

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ladleah Dunn at 6 PM at the Lincolnville Town Office. The quote was read by Selectman Jason Trundy.

1. Citizen's Forum: None

2. Administrator's Report:

- Winter sand for this season has been delivered.
- Absentee ballots are available for the November 4th election.
- Dog licenses will be available October 15th online, through the Town's web site and at the Town Office during business hours. Dog licenses need to be renewed by the end of December.
- Dave Kinney asked the Board to approve a request from a homeowner and CMP for a utility location permit on the Greenacre Road. Will Brown from the Conservation Commission was present and concurred with the location.

Cathy Hardy made a motion to approve the utility pole location permit on Greenacre Road. Jason Trundy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

3. Meetings & Announcements:

Town Administrator Kinney read the upcoming meetings.

4. Upcoming Community Events:

- The Lincolnville Library will hold a skeleton making day for children of all ages on Saturday, October 18th from 9am to 12pm.
- The Lincolnville Library will hold an open house and celebration for their two-year anniversary of moving across the street on Saturday, October 25th from 1pm to 5pm.

- Cindy Dunham also announced the Lincolnville Library is planning something special for Halloween night and will report back once the details have been finalized.

5. Meeting Minutes:

Jason Trundy made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes for September 22, 2014 as presented. Cathy Hardy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

6. Yes! On 1 – Request for Resolution in Support:

Katie Hansberry, Campaign Director for Maine's Fair Bear Hunting and the Maine State Director for the Humane Society of the United States was present to educate the Board and the public on vote Yes! On 1 Campaign.

Hansberry explained Maine is the only state that still allows all three cruel and unsporting practices of bear baiting, hounding and trapping and explained this is not about stopping bear hunting, this is about restoring fair chase to Maine's bear hunt. Maine does not allow this practice for deer or moose.

Hansberry also explained that baiting is problematic because it grows the bear population, the more food that is available for bears the more they reproduce and in addition to that it habituates them to people and the bears are more likely to become nuisances. In Maine, in the last 10 years, the bear population has increased by 30% and the nuisance complaint has increased by 25%.

Hansberry thanked the Board for their time and for allowing her to address this situation and educate the public on this citizen initiative campaign.

7. Tanglewood Road Neighborhood Concerns:

Cindy Dunham, Jim Dunham, Will Brown, Matt Burke and Kathleen Oliver, residents on the Tanglewood Road area came forward to address a wide variety of issues such as vegetation removal, drainage work, gravel importation and grading.

Cindy Dunham came forward to thank the Board for addressing the issue of tree cutting along Tanglewood Road and wanted some of the special trees saved along the edge for the future generations. Dunham was hopeful that the group and the Board could come to an agreement on the best option.

Kathleen Oliver came forward to explain the increased traffic and increase population on the Tanglewood Road and explained the road needs to be maintained in way that is consistent with the communities feelings and the use of the Tanglewood Camp and she stated this road should not be highly trafficked.

Oliver suggested the Board and the group visit the road and look at how it can be best improved. She stated there are several ways to preserve this road and preserve the legacy trees that are growing along this road and she proposed a win-win work to meet the needs of the community and those that travel on the road to be consistent with the Tanglewoods mission.

Will Brown, Lincolnville Tree Steward and member of the Conservation Commission explained the Conservation Commission Committee would be glad to sit down and work on setting guidelines for the Town to be able to avoid the one size fits all solution. He also explained the road needs a second look and another site review with all of the Board members, Road Commissioner, Bernard Young and Town Administrator Kinney prior to any tree cutting.

Matt Burke, resident of Tanglewood Road stated the real issue is about the road maintenance and not so much about a tree issue.

Jim Dunham, resident of Tanglewood Road wanted to understand the big picture and if the big picture isn't going to happen this year, then he suggested that at least fix the problematic areas first.

Selectman Hardy explained she visited the Tanglewood Road with Rosey Gerry to review the issues in concern and admitted that there are problems that need to be addressed. However, after a review of the road she expected to see several nice trees that should be kept and instead, it was the opposite. Hardy wanted to move forward on getting the work done on Tanglewood Road within the next couple of months before winter arrives.

Kathleen Oliver suggested developing a standard for maintaining gravel roads in the community because this would be a huge step and would make it clear for all those involved and would allow individualism in the area.

Jason Trundy suggested putting a bid package together for next year to allow the professionals to do all the work because it's clear that something needs to be done. This would also allow the citizens of this road time to review the entire project and allow their input.

Selectman Hardy suggested she was not in favor of a bid package because the citizens of Lincolnville are taxed all they want to be taxed and she suggested there must be a way to keep the work moving forward to work over the winter with the Conservation Commission reviewing the project. Hardy felt there must be a way to move forward and get some work done on the road this year.

Matt Burke explained there are two different issues happening. One issue is the trees and the other is the road. The first major issue that needs to be addressed is to maintain the road properly. He also suggested making the water flow properly and keeping it a country road.

Chair Dunn suggested getting Selectman Rosey Gerry, Road Commissioner, Bernard Young and Town Administrator Kinney involved and move forward with the funds available and address the problem sections on the road. She would also like to see a comprehensive plan for the remainder of the project. She requested that the group (Selectmen Gerry, Will Brown, Road Commissioner and Town Administrator) meet this week.

8. Board of Assessors: Abatement Hearings

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the board suspend their meeting as the Board of Selectmen and convene as the Board of Assessors. Jason Trundy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board deny the abatement request of The Aim Group as the request does not contain support proving the assessed value is manifestly wrong and that the Board sign the Notice of Action as prepared by the Assessors' Agent. Jason Trundy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board grant Property Tax Abatement #2014-06 as recommended by the Assessors' Agent for Gregory and Virginia Ciraldo in the tax amount of \$283.65. Jason Trundy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board grant Property Tax Abatement 2014-07 as recommended by the Assessors' Agent for Gregory and Virginia Ciraldo in the tax amount of \$261.95. Jason Trundy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

9. Board of Assessors: Municipal Valuation Return:

Jason Trundy made a motion that the Board approve and sign the 2014 Municipal Valuation Return as prepared by the Assessors' Agent. Cathy Hardy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board adjourn the meeting as the Board of Assessors and reconvene as the Board of Selectmen. Jason Trundy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

10. Fernald's Neck Road Relocation Bid Award:

Jason Trundy made a motion that the Board award the contract for the relocation of Fernald's Neck Road to Farley & Son, of Rockport in the amount of \$97,560 and that the Board authorize the Town Administrator to execute any necessary documents on behalf of the Town. Cathy Hardy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

Cathy Hardy made a motion that the Board vote the Town Administrator to accept the temporary construction and access easements offered to the Town by the Alexander and Gladys Kuli to facilitate the construction of the road relocation. Jason Trundy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

11. Treasurer's and Payroll Warrant(s) – Approve and Sign:

Jason Trundy made a motion that the Board approved the Treasurer's and Payroll warrants. Cathy Hardy second this motion. The motion passed on a 3-0-0 vote.

12. Adjourn:

Cathy Hardy made a motion to adjourn. Jason Trundy seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Geary
Administrative Assistant